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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

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(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Colleges and Universities

Assembly Bill 776

Relating to: increasing the maximum amount of tuition grants awarded by the higher educational aids board.

By Representative Kreibich; cosponsored by Senator C. Potter.

February 10, 1998 Referred to committee on Colleges and Universities.

February 23, 1998 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (6) Representatives Kreibich, Ward, Kelso, Olsen,
Reynolds and Murat.

Absent: (5) Representatives Underheim, Hutchison,
Hanson, Boyle and Plouff.

Appearances for

- Doug Lyke, 621 Hillside Terrace, Ripon, WI 54971
- Rolf Wegenke, representing Wisconsin Assn. of Independent Colleges and Universities, 16 N. Carroll St., #200, Madison, WI 53703

Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Dr. Paul Ranslow, President, Ripon College

Registrations for

- None.

Registrations against

- None.

February 23, 1998 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (3) Representatives Kreibich, Hutchison and Olsen.

Absent: (8) Representatives Underheim, Ward, Kelso,
Hanson, Boyle, Reynolds, Murat and Plouff.

Appearances for

- None.

Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- None.

Registrations against

- None.

February 25, 1998

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: (10) Representatives Kreibich, Underheim,
Hutchison, Kelso, Olsen, Hanson, Boyle,
Reynolds, Murat and Plouff.
Absent: (1) Representative Ward.

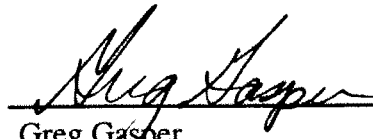
Moved by Representative Olsen, seconded by Representative
Reynolds, that **Assembly Bill 776** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Kreibich, Underheim,
Hutchison, Kelso, Olsen, Hanson, Boyle,
Reynolds, Murat and Plouff.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Representative Ward.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 0, Absent 1


Greg Gasper
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

Date: 2-25-98
 Moved by: Olsen Seconded by: Reynolds
 AB: 776 Clearinghouse Rule: _____
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Be recommended for:

- ☒ Passage
☐ Introduction
☐ Adoption
☐ Rejection

- ☐ Indefinite Postponement
☐ Tabling
☐ Concurrence
☐ Nonconcurrence
☐ Confirmation

Committee Member

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 Rep. David Ward
 Rep. David Hutchison
 Rep. Carol Kelso
 Rep. Luther Olsen
 Rep. Doris Hanson
 Rep. Frank Boyle
 Rep. Marty Reynolds
 Rep. William Murat
 Rep. Joe Plouff

Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
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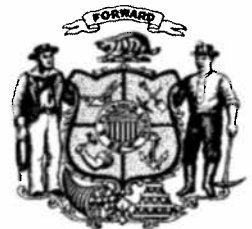
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☒ Motion Carried

☐ Motion Failed



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



PRESS RELEASE

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February 17, 1998

APPLETON -- State legislators on the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee will be holding a public hearing at Lawrence University on Monday, February 23 at 3:30 p.m., according to the chair of the committee, Rep. Robin Kreibich (R-Eau Claire). The public hearing will provide an opportunity for persons to testify on the Higher Education Tax Deduction which has been proposed by Governor Tommy Thompson.

"I hope that students, parents and members of the community take advantage of this opportunity to share their thoughts on this proposal with legislators," stated Kreibich. "This is a chance for the public to not only see state government at work, but also participate in the legislative process."

In his State of the State address, Governor Thompson proposed to give families a \$3,000 per child tax deduction for tuition and expenses at any state university, technical college, private college or university, or Minnesota reciprocity school.

"I am pleased that the committee has chosen Lawrence University as a site for holding a public hearing," commented Lawrence President Richard Warch. "As president one of the state's 21 private or independent institutions, I am encouraged that the Governor and the Legislature have begun to include the private sector in the public policy process."

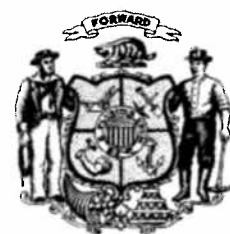
"The state student aid programs are important, but they are targeted to the most needy. The genius of the Governor's proposal is that it encourages those students and their families who work hard and save for a college education," Warch added.

The hearing will be held in the Riverview Lounge of Memorial Union on the Lawrence University campus.

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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



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• Comments:

Rick - the checked representatives
will be attending the hearing.

Thanks!

Greg

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1997-98 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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February 18, 1998

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Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee Meets in Appleton

State Representative Steve Wieckert (R-Appleton) announced today that the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 23 at 3:30 p.m. at Lawrence University (Riverside Lounge of the Memorial Union).

The Committee will hear testimony on legislation which would increase the maximum amount of tuition grants awarded by the Higher Educational Aids Board.

Citizens will also be able to testify on any of the governor's higher education proposals.

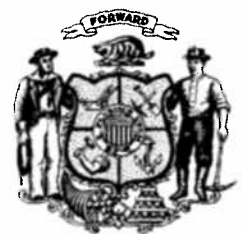
"I am pleased the Committee has selected Appleton for the hearing," said Wieckert. "Lawrence University offers an excellent setting to talk about these high priority topics"

The Committee is chaired by Representative Rob Kreibich (R-Eau Claire).

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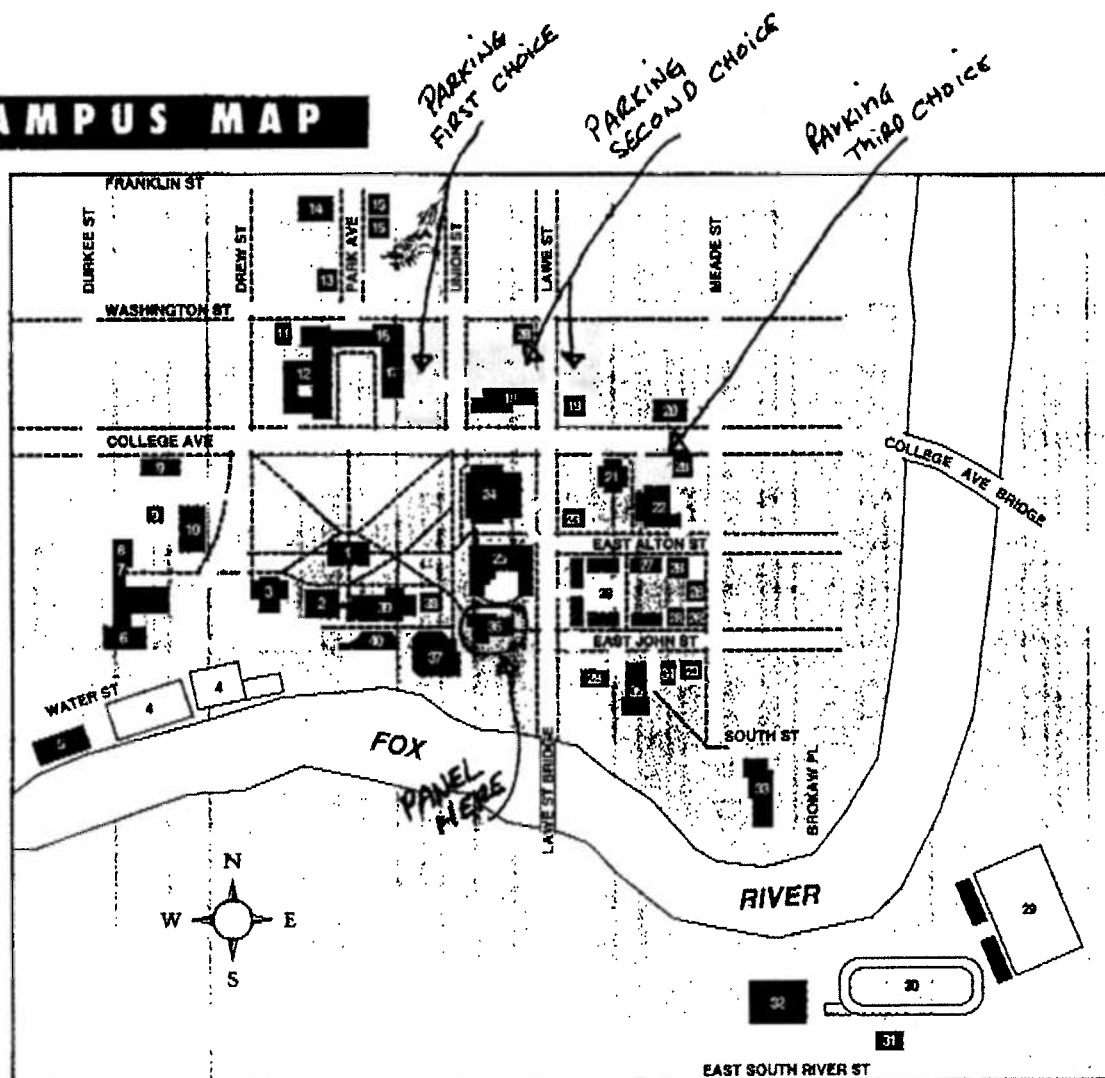


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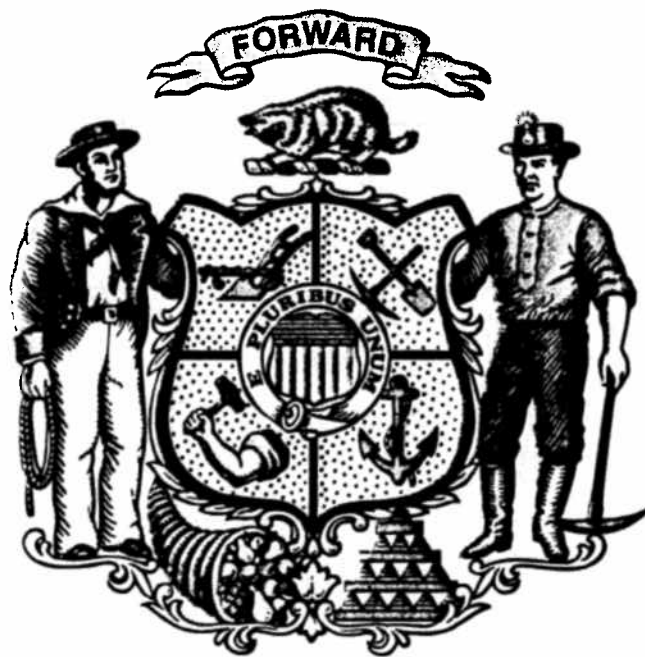
CAMPUS MAP



- 1 Main Hall
- 2 Stephenson Science Hall
- 3 Ormsby Hall (residence)
- 4 Tennis Courts
- 5 Hearing Plant
- 6 Colman Hall (residence & dining)
- 7 Landis Health and Counseling Center
- 8 Landis Peabody Building - Office of External Affairs
- 9 Physical Plant Offices
- 10 Brokaw Hall - Registrar, Business, Financial Aid, and Public Affairs Offices
- 11 Black Cultural Center
- 12 Music-Drama Center

- 13 Mursell Education Center
- 14 President's Home
- 15 Guest Houses
- 16 Ruth Harwood Shattuck Hall of Music
- 17 Memorial Chapel
- 18 Plants Hall (residence)
- 19 Wilson House - Office of Admissions
- 20 Scarff House
- 21 Kohler Hall (residence)
- 22 Jason Downer Commons (dining)
- 23 Raymond House - Dean of Students Office
- 24 Seeley G. Mudd Library
- 25 Wriston Art Center
- 26 Fraternity Quadrangle

- 27 Draheim House (residence)
- 28 Seven Theme Houses (residence)
- 29 Banta Bowl
- 30 Whiting Field
- 31 Whiting Court Apartments (residence)
- 32 Alexander Gymnasium
- 33 Trever Hall (residence)
- 34 International House
- 35 Sage Hall (residence)
- 36 Memorial Union - **PANEL HERE**
- 37 Buchanan Kiewit Center
- 38 Sampson House - Office of the President
- 39 Youngchild Hall of Science
- 40 Briggs Hall





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Testimony of

John Grabel

United Council Legislative Affairs Director

on the Budget Adjustment Bill, SB 436
(**\$3,000 Tax Deduction For College Tuition**)

Before the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee

February 23, 1997

Chairman Kreibich, members of the committee, good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to address you today.

Senate Bill 436, the budget adjustment bill, proposes to offer a tax deduction of up to \$3,000 for tuition payments to students and their families to off set the cost of higher education. While students appreciate the Governor's desire to combat the costs of higher education, they do not see this as the most effective means to fight the battle.

The tax deduction outlined in this bill does not offer the type of assistance necessary to aid students and families struggling to meet the rising tuition at Wisconsin's public institutions. Families that are finding it more and more difficult to attend UW System will not benefit significantly from this deduction.

Under the proposed deduction, no single filers making under \$26,000 a year, and no married filers making under \$40,000 a year, would qualify for any kind of tax relief. These are the people that are finding financial aid insufficient to cover the expenses of obtaining a higher education. These are the people that are graduating with an average debt of \$13,332 from UW System. And these are the people most affected by tuition increases.

Furthermore, we estimate families making between \$40,000 and \$80,000 are only eligible for a maximum of \$150 in tax relief under this bill.

The 1997-99 biennial budget created a 7.9% tuition increase at UW System institutions, which translates into approximately \$210 of tuition. According to the Department of Revenue, the average family eligible for this deduction will see \$86 taken off of their taxes, or not even half of the tuition

increase. What is more significant however, is that the average student paying their own way through college will not benefit at all from this deduction.

We are currently in a time of economic prosperity, yet we are not making education a priority. Wisconsin takes pride in the status it holds as an educational leader in this country but is losing that status in a time where state dollars are abundant.

While the rest of the nation makes higher education a priority, Wisconsin is falling dangerously behind. 1997-98 appropriations resulted in states averaging an increased investment of almost 10% in public universities nationwide. Here in Wisconsin we failed to make up for the decrease in funding UW System received in the previous biennium. This continued a twenty-year trend of tuition increases at almost 2.5 times the rate of inflation in Wisconsin.

The state budget surplus has created a situation where Wisconsin can re-prioritize higher education. By allocating the portion of the budget surplus slated for the tax deduction towards tuition reduction and financial aid programs, the state would show a strong commitment to providing educational opportunity to everyone.

Administering higher education policy through the tax code is not an effective way to provide educational opportunity. The purpose of our public universities is to provide education to the people of Wisconsin. Unfortunately the people of Wisconsin are finding that education more and more unattainable. However, investing in the UW System will make that education possible again.

Tax Savings Under Gov. Thompson's New Plan

INCOME	TUITION PAID	TAX SAVINGS	
		single filers	married filer
26,000 and under	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$26.50	\$0.00
	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$35,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$56.50	\$0.00
	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$40,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$86.50	\$0.00
	\$1,500.00	\$11.50	\$0.00
\$45,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$116.50	\$53.60
	\$1,500.00	\$41.50	\$0.00
\$50,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$146.50	\$103.05
	\$1,500.00	\$71.50	\$28.05
\$60,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
\$70,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
\$80,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
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	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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LA 0298-03: Budget Adjustment Bill Tax Deduction

Whereas, the state of Wisconsin is experiencing a budget surplus; and,

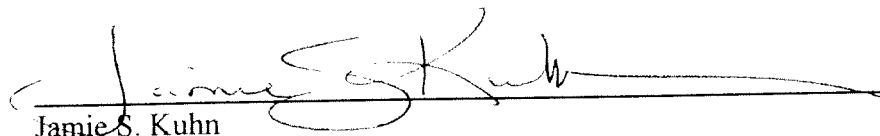
Whereas, SB 436 (the Governor's Budget Adjustment Proposal) proposes appropriating a portion of that surplus for a \$3,000 tax deduction; and,

Whereas, this proposal does not adequately address the financial needs of students; and,

Whereas, state grant levels have not kept pace with the rate of tuition increases;

Therefore be it resolved, that United Council reject the Governor's tax deduction plan; and,

Be it further resolved, that United Council recommend that the budget surplus be used for a tuition reduction and state grant-based aid.


Jamie S. Kuhn
President

February 21, 1998
Date

United Council is Wisconsin's statewide student association, representing approximately 140,000 students on 24 UW System campuses. The above resolution was passed at United Council's February General Assembly.

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<i>Green Bay</i>	<i>Oshkosh</i>	<i>Stout</i>
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1997-99 STATE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT BILL HIGHER EDUCATION TAX DEDUCTION

Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

February 23, 1998

Good Afternoon. Representative Kreibich, Members of the Committee. My name is Rolf Wegenke, and I am president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or WAICU. WAICU is an association of the twenty-one independent or private four-year, non-profit colleges and universities in the state. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today and share my comments on the Higher Education Tax Deduction proposed by the Governor in the 1998-99 budget adjustment bill (AB 768 / SB 436).

I have always subscribed to the theory behind the British phrase that one "takes" a degree, as opposed to the more common American phrase that one "receives" a degree. No one can give you an education. Teaching and learning are a collaborative process between the professor and the student.

Education is also a collaborative process among the colleges and universities, the government, students, and their families. Wisconsin's private, or independent, colleges and universities, by

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their emphasis on the individual learner and on cross-disciplinary studies and critical thinking skills, are fully engaged in this collaboration. Their small class size (just 17 students, on average) and over 150 years of emphasis on a rigorous curriculum demonstrate the depth of this effort.

There also needs to be a collaboration on the financing of education -- one which involves the college or university, the government, and students and their families. Wisconsin's private colleges and universities receive no subsidies from the taxpayers. However, 80 percent of all students attending an independent institution of higher learning in Wisconsin receive financial aid. Over 70 percent of the grant aid is from the colleges and universities themselves and from other private sources. The remainder comes equally from state and federal student aid programs. Clearly, the independent sector is doing its part. A national study completed a few years back showed that all ten of the top ten providers of student aid in Wisconsin were private colleges and universities.

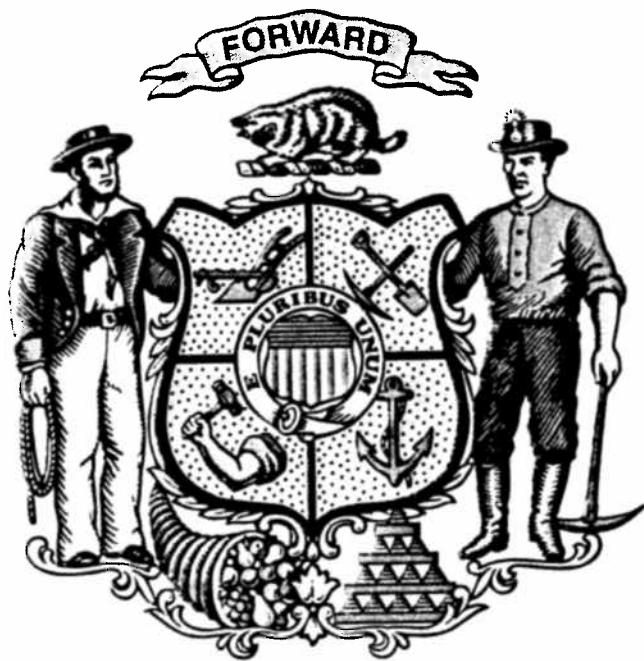
The role government is highly significant. Government funds are targeted to the poorest of the poor. This student aid stands as an opportunity for advancement -- a doorway to a better life for individuals and a stronger economy for the state.

Then comes the student and, in many cases, his or her family. They, too, are joined in partnership to finance educational opportunity. Governor Tommy Thompson has proposed a \$3,000 tax deduction for college and university tuition. This is truly help for those who help

themselves; help for those who "fall through the cracks" for most governmental student aid programs; help for those who make sacrifices and and save.

The Governor's proposals not only help college students and their families; they help every single citizen in Wisconsin. Wisconsin is already in transition to the information age. Studies show that the fastest- growing occupations in the next century will require a college degree. Many Wisconsin employers cannot find the educated employees they need. If we don't invest in education now, our economy will not support the quality of life that makes Wisconsin special. And, if we don't support the state government's helping those who help themselves, we run the risk of having government bear all the costs down the road.

This concludes my remarks. I again wish to thank the committee and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.





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February 25, 1998

TO: Representative Rob Kreibich
FROM: Margaret Lewis
RE: Budget Hearing

I wanted to share the correct cost per student for the UW System which was inaccurately reported at the public hearing at Lawrence University. The total instructional costs for educating a UW-Madison undergraduate is \$8,269. The UW System average is \$6,516, not \$35,000 as reported by others at the hearing.

We continue to work very hard to keep access up and costs down for Wisconsin taxpayers and students. Our administrative costs remain the low benchmark in the nation.

cc: President Lyall
David Miller